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## Rock.

FYI, Jackie told me about the loose buoy and the PRPs are sending a person to the site today to check on the buoys and their attachments. Also, the current buoys are temporary while waiting on the permanent lighted buoys which the PRPs have backordered. The permanent buoys will be anchored by concrete blocks that have been poured. The estimated buoy delivery from the manufacturer is now April 13, 2016, with fabrication, then starting deployment on April 19, 2016. The current temporary buoys will be removed when the permanent lighted buoys are installed.

FYI, below is a picture of the buoy anchors that are ready for the buoy delivery.



I'm also attaching answers to Jackie's questions following the February meeting – there will be a lot of activity at the site next week, and the first answer discusses this as well as additional work later in April.

Please let me know if you have any questions on any of this.

Regards,

Gary Miller



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Gary,

I'm assuming the temporary buoys recently placed at the site are depicted by small bright orange globes shown in the photo recently sent to you by Jackie Young. If I'm correct, one of the buoys appears to have become untethered and is resting on the western bank. I suppose the explanation that these buoys are "temporary" helps explain this malfunction

While it's comforting to know better replacements are on their way, it seems important that this current situation be corrected as soon as possible.

Thanks Rock

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID

## Jacquelyn Young < <u>ieyoung@texanstogether.org</u>> wrote:

I received messages this evening from a Channelview resident complaining that several of the new buoys are floating away. One was mentioned to be near the center of the Pits. I just so happen to be out in the community this afternoon and snapped photos as we crossed over the River. I did not notice the buoy captured in my photos at the time, but I now see that I captured the buoy along the central berm. See attached.

Viewing the Site this afternoon I was happy to see the new safety equipment on Site. However, I am now disappointed to learn that the safety measures have not even been in place but a couple of weeks (at most) and are proving problematic. I'm not sure what went wrong or why buoys are floating away but this once again reinstates the lack of confidence we have in the PRPs conducting any work on Site.

I've reported this to Gary Miller.

Sincerely, Jackie Young